

Remarks

Claim 8 has been amended and Claims 13-18 added herein.

In the office action of August 15, 2006, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed at the following patentably distinct species:

1. a pin for limiting axial movement of the shaft (as identified in originally filed Claims 1-6), and
2. a hook-like clip for limiting axial movement of the shaft (as identified in originally filed Claims 7-12).

APPLICANT HEREBY ELECTS THE SPECIES IN GROUP 1. Claims 1-6 read on the species identified in group 1 above. Claims 7-12 read on the species identified in group 2 above. New claims 13-18 are generic.

In accordance with the foregoing, an action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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